

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON 13 MAY 2026 AT 7PM.

PRESENT

J Gerard (Deputy Chairperson), R Brine, K Barnett, W Doody, A Geeves, J Goldsworthy, D Hawkins, D Lundy, B McLaren, B Robinson (arrived at 7.22pm) and J Ward.

IN ATTENDANCE

S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), A Huang (Greenspace Landscape Planner), M Foster (Community Development Facilitator – Arts Strategy Implementation), G Stephens (Design and Planning Team Leader), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and A Connor (Governance Support Officer).

There was one member of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: J Gerard

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** and **sustains** an apology for leave of absence from L McClure.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 8 April 2026

Moved: A Geeves

Seconded: D Hawkins

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Confirms**, as a true and accurate record, the circulated Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting, held on 8 April 2026.

CARRIED

3.2. Matters Arising (From Minutes)

K Barnett queried when feedback on the Cust Domain Football Review had been received from the Cust Domain Advisory Group. T Kunkel undertook to obtain this information for the Board.

3.3. **Notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 8 April 2026**

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: W Doody

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the circulated notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting, held on 8 April 2026.

CARRIED

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

5. **ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

6. **REPORTS**

- 6.1. **Kippenberger Sculpture Options** – A Huang (Greenspace Landscape Planner) and M Foster (Community Development Facilitator – Arts Strategy Implementation)

A Huang spoke to the report, noting that approval was being sought for a preferred concept design for a sculpture to be installed on Kippenberger Avenue, Rangiora, in recognition of Sir Howard Kippenberger. Approval was also sought to revise the previously approved location of the sculpture, as subsequent changes to the site had created an opportunity for a more suitable alternative. A Huang noted that, following Board approval of the project design brief, staff invited expressions of interest from artists, resulting in two submissions. The Waimakariri Public Arts Trust (the Trust) assessed the submissions and indicated a preference for Proposal One by Victoria Dowall, as it most effectively responded to the project brief and recognised Sir Howard Kippenberger's local and national contributions.

In response to a question from A Geeves, A Huang confirmed there would be no cost implications with the revised location.

D Hawkins sought clarification on why vandalism had been highlighted as a concern for Proposal Two but not for Proposal One, noting that vandalism could occur with either design. A Huang agreed that damage and vandalism were risks regardless of the option selected; however, the replacement or repair cost for Proposal Two would be significantly higher than for Proposal One.

In response to a further query from D Hawkins, A Huang confirmed that the budget allocated to the project covered only fabrication and installation of the sculpture and that any long-term maintenance would be funded from a separate budget. G Stephens noted that any damage to Proposal Two would likely require full replacement of the sculpture, resulting in greater work and higher costs. In contrast, for Proposal One, damaged panels could be more easily and cost-effectively replicated or repaired.

W Doody questioned the rationale for selecting one proposal over the other. M Eaton advised that the Trust had recommended Proposal One as the option that best met the design brief. The intention was to honour Sir Kippenberger while also enhancing the town's entrance. The Trust considered Proposal One to be more impactful and more effectively aligned with the intended message.

Following a question from W Doody, G Stephens noted that there might not be a greater risk of vandalism to the proposed sculpture of Sir Kippenberger than to the Charles Upham sculpture in Hurunui. However, the Kippenberger sculpture would be more visible due to the higher traffic volumes on Kippenberger Avenue. Staff were required to assess all potential risks and impacts.

J Gerard observed that Sir Kippenberger was best known for his military service. While he acknowledged that the proposed sculpture should serve as a war memorial, he asked whether the preferred option could better reflect Sir Kippenberger's military persona. G Stephens confirmed that staff could work with the selected artist to adapt the design in accordance with the Board's direction. However, the Board's previous brief was that the project should focus on Sir Kippenberger as a person, not solely on his war achievements.

G Stephens confirmed that the Board acknowledged there was already a war memorial at the Lineside Road entrance and felt that this project should focus on Sir Howard Kippenberger as a person, not only his war achievements.

K Barnett questioned the need for an "acceptance of work" budget. G Stephens clarified that this cost represented the final instalment paid to the artist upon completion of the work.

K Barnett noted that there was a substantial amount of green space around the revised location and asked whether any plans existed for walkways to improve accessibility. A Huang confirmed that, once the artist had been selected, staff would work with them on the final design. She advised that the primary purpose of the area was stormwater management; however, additional pathways or seating could be incorporated if the Board wished, although these elements were not included within the current budget.

D Hawkins asked whether any provision had been made for parking. G Stephens advised that on-street parking was available on Kippenberger Avenue and that it would connect with the recreation network associated with the Bellgrove development. It was noted that large numbers of vehicles stopping at one time were not anticipated.

D Lundy enquired whether consideration had been given to the materials to be used and whether colour could be incorporated. G Stephens responded that, should the Board wish to introduce colour into the design, staff would be able to work with the artist to achieve this.

D Hawkins queried the rationale for recommending a revised location. M Eaton explained that feedback had indicated the original site was too close to the wastewater area and that a location further away was preferred. G Stephens added that when the revised location was identified, it was considered visually preferable because the background was less busy.

Moved: J Ward

Seconded: K Barnett

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260414095183.
- (b) **Approves** Proposal 1 (Victoria Dowall) to proceed to detailed design, fabrication, and installation.
- (c) **Approves** the revised location for the Kippenberger Sculpture, as shown in Figures 2 and 3 of this report.
- (d) **Notes** that the final decision on the preferred proposal rests with the Rangiora–Ashley Community Board, with the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust (WPAT) acting in an advisory capacity.

- (e) **Notes** that, in accordance with the Project Brief (Expressions of Interest for Artists), the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust (WPAT) has assessed the submissions for artistic merit and supports the concepts presented for the Board's consideration and selection of a preferred option.
- (f) **Notes** that Waimakariri Public Arts Trust (WPAT) have expressed preference for Proposal 1 (Victoria Dowall), which has four panels reflecting the breadth of Kippenberger's contribution to community and country.
- (g) **Notes** that the previously allocated budget of \$30,000 from the Rangiora–Ashley General Landscaping Budget will fund all aspects of the project, including conceptual design, detailed design, fabrication, and installation.
- (h) **Notes** that ongoing maintenance of the selected sculpture will be accommodated within the current parks and reserves maintenance contract, as part of the park furniture category.
- (i) **Notes** that due to the timeframes associated with the process to fabrication, this project may extend beyond the current financial year, and that the budget for uncompleted work will be carried forward into the 2026/27 financial year as a work in progress.

CARRIED

J Ward reported that she had attended an ANZAC Day service in Australia, where a display similar to Proposal 1 was on display, and remarked that it was beautiful. She emphasised that the proposal conveyed the full story of Sir Howard Kippenberger and would encourage people to understand that he was more than a soldier, having made significant contributions to the Waimakariri District.

B McLaren supported the motion, noting that it was the option recommended by the WPAT and that it best met the brief. He observed that the proposal celebrated Sir Howard Kippenberger's war service alongside his wider achievements and contributions. B McLaren believed the revised option would provide better visibility for those travelling towards Woodend. He also acknowledged that incorporating footpaths and seating in the future would be highly beneficial.

K Barnett thanked staff for listening to the Board's brief. She expressed her appreciation for the connection with the community and the storytelling aspect, which highlighted Sir Howard Kippenberger's entire life rather than focusing solely on his wartime achievements. K Barnett, therefore, supported the motion.

In her right of reply, J Ward commented that the staggered orientation of the panels would appear striking against the rolling green backdrop. She noted that this would be a very special sculpture and that she was excited to see it come to fruition.

6.2. **Road Naming – Bellgrove Rangiora Limited** – S Morrow (Rates Officer – Property Specialist)

T Kunkel presented the report and advised that the names proposed for the current stage of the Bellgrove development were inspired by the proximity of the Rangiora Golf Club and by golf-related terminology. The names were provided by the developer and were confirmed to comply with the Waimakariri District Council Naming Policy.

Moved: B McLaren

Seconded: D Hawkins

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260423102580.

- (b) **Approves** the following proposed road names for the new subdivision shown as Roads 9 - 11 on the Subdivision Plan (Trim: 260423102585):
- (i) Road 9. Stableford Road
 - (ii) Road 10. Greenway Street
 - (iii) Road 11. Augusta Drive
- (c) **Notes** that the Rangiora - Ashley Community Board may replace any of the names with a name of their own choice.

CARRIED

B McLaren supported the motion, highlighting the link between the names and the nearby Rangiora Golf Club.

6.3. **Applications to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2025/26 Discretionary Grant Fund** – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)

T Kunkel presented the report and advised that the Rangiora Squash Club had applied to purchase training equipment for new players. The application met the Board's Discretionary Grant Criteria, as a community-based sports organisation submitted it, and the requested funding of \$1,000 was consistent with the specified per-application limit. It was noted that only approximately 50% of participants would be from the Rangiora–Ashley Ward. This was the first time the Club had applied to the Board.

K Barnett questioned what would happen to the Discretionary Grant Fund if it were not allocated in the 2025/26 financial year. S Hart stated he understood that funds would be carried over; however, that was at the Council's discretion.

D Hawkins asked how many squash courts were in the Waimakariri District and whether the Rangiora Squash Club served the whole district. W Doody confirmed there was also a squash court in Oxford.

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: D Hawkins

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260325083908.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$1000 to the Rangiora Squash Club towards the purchase of training equipment for new players.

CARRIED

K Barnett expressed her support for approving the \$1,000 requested, noting that although only 50% of participants were from the Rangiora–Ashley Ward, the Rangiora Squash Club was based in Rangiora and served the wider local community. She observed that, because funding applications must be submitted to the Community Board in the area where the facility was located, the Club would be unlikely to receive funding if it applied to any other Community Board.

B McLaren indicated that he also supported the motion, noting that the Rangiora Squash Club was a long-standing organisation that had not previously applied for funding from the Board.

In addition, D Hawkins supported the motion, stating that it assisted a physical activity that engaged the wider community.

T Kunkel presented the report and advised that Abbeyfield Waimakariri was seeking to establish an Abbeyfield House in Rangiora. They requested funding to host their first major event, an Auction of Promises, proposed for Saturday, 16 May 2026. The application met the Board's Discretionary Grant Criteria, as a not-for-profit organisation submitted it, and the requested amount of \$600 fell within the \$1,000 per application limit.

T Kunkel noted that although the application indicated the funds would be used for event-related costs, including the licence, staging, catering, advertising, and printing, it did not clearly specify the exact purpose of the funds as required under the Board's criteria. Abbeyfield had been advised that the funding could not be used to pay wages or for liquor licensing. They would also be required to submit an accountability form detailing how the funds were used.

K Barnett questioned whether staff were aware that the event had been postponed. T Kunkel confirmed she had been notified; however, the Board could grant the funding, and if the event did not proceed, the funds could be returned.

Moved: J Ward

Seconded: W Doody

- (c) **Approves** a grant of \$600 to the Abbeyfield Waimakariri Inc towards hosting an Auction of Promises to raise funds for its Abbeyfield House in Rangiora.

CARRIED

T Kunkel reported that Rachel's House Trust (the Trust) had applied for funding towards its Big Splash event. The application met the Board's Discretionary Grant Criteria, as a not-for-profit organisation had submitted it, and the requested amount of \$1,000 fell within the specified limit per application. Although the application indicated that the funds would be used for event-related costs, including catering, sound and lighting provision, and event coordination, it did not clearly specify the exact purpose of the funds as required under the Board's criteria.

T Kunkel noted that this was the second year the Trust had applied for funding for the Big Splash event, and that the Board might wish to consider whether the associated costs could be regarded as ongoing or annual operating expenditure for the Trust. Given the iconic nature of the Big Splash event, the Board might also wish to recommend that the Trust apply to the Council for funding through the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan processes in future years.

W Doody asked how many times the Trust had applied to the Board's Discretionary Grant. T Kunkel advised that the Trust had applied in August 2023 and was granted \$435 for entertainers for a music show; in March 2024, for presenters for the Brainwave Trust talk, which was declined; and in June 2025, for \$1,000 towards catering for the Big Splash event.

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: W Doody

- (d) **Approves** a grant of \$500 to Rachel's House Trust towards hosting the Big Splash event in Rangiora.

CARRIED

K Barnett noted that the Trust received \$1,000 in 2025 for catering at the Big Splash event and emphasised that the Trust should not be reliant on ongoing Discretionary Grant funding to host the event. She stated that granting a reduced amount this year would signal the Board's continued support while also encouraging the organisers to work towards greater financial sustainability rather than becoming dependent on Discretionary Grant funding.

W Doody concurred, stating that the organisers were doing a great job; however, they could not continue to seek funding from the Board year after year.

T Kunkel advised that TimeBank Waimakariri had applied for \$500 to support the printing of promotional flyers for distribution to the wider community to promote their organisation. It was noted that they had also applied to other Boards. The application partially met the Board's criteria, as only approximately 50% of participants would be from the Rangiora–Ashley Ward.

In response to a question from W Doody, T Kunkel confirmed TimeBank Waimakariri had not applied to any other Community Boards for funding.

D Hawkins sought clarity on the membership of TimeBank Waimakariri. T Kunkel noted that no information on the group's membership had been included in the application.

In response to a question from W Doody, T Kunkel confirmed TimeBank Waimakariri had not applied to any other Community Boards for funding.

Moved: W Doody

Seconded:

- (e) **Approves** a grant of \$500 to TimeBank Waimakariri towards printing costs for promotional pamphlets.

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In terms of Section 22.9 of the Standing Orders, if a motion lapsed, the status quo would remain.

6.4. **Ratification of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's Submissions to the Waimakariri District Council and Environment Canterbury's Draft 2026-27 Annual Plans** – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)

T Kunkel presented the report, and there were no questions from elected members.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 260415096145.
- (b) **Ratifies** its submission to the Waimakariri District Council draft 2026-27 Annual Plan (Trim Ref: 260414095848).
- (c) **Ratifies** its submission to Environment Canterbury's draft 2026-27 Annual Plan (Trim Ref: 260330086340).
- (d) **Notes** that the Board Chairperson and/or Deputy Chairperson spoke at the Waimakariri District Council Submission Hearings to convey the Board's view in person on Thursday, 7 May 2026.

CARRIED

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

8. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

8.1. **Chair's Diary for April 2026**

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: D Hawkins

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the report from the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Chairperson (Trim: 260504108245).
carried

9. **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- 9.1. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 8 April 2026.
9.2. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 13 April 2026.
9.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 20 April 2026.
9.4. Approval of the Transportation Procurement Strategy 2026 – Report to Utilities and Rooding Committee Meeting 14 April 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
9.5. New Zealand Transport Agency Procedural Audit Report March 2026 – Report to Utilities and Rooding Committee Meeting 14 April 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
9.6. May 2025 Flood Recovery Progress Update and Project Update on Infrastructure Resilience Fund for 2024/2025 and 2025/026 – Report to Utilities and Rooding Committee Meeting 14 April 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
9.7. Aquatics April Update – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 21 April 2026 – Circulates to all Boards
9.8. Libraries Update to April 2026 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 21 April 2026 – Circulates to all Boards

Moved: D Lundy

Seconded: J Goldsworthy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items 9.1 to 9.8.

CARRIED

10. **MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

R Brine:

- It was reported that the Southern Community Hub had engaged an architect; however, further information on fees was required. A small group had been established to prepare material for funding applications. The Rangiora Bowling Club did not appear to be interested, and the Rangiora Pipe Band remained unsure. It was noted that the group had not secured a grant from MainPower.

B McLaren:

- Attended the Church Street Market.
- Responded to a resident who had contacted her regarding significant runoff into their property following the construction of a new footpath; a service request was lodged.
- Attended the Rangiora Town Hall 100th Anniversary meeting.

- Attended the McPhail Avenue drop-in session, where residents were briefed on the Rangiora Eastern Link.
- Participated in a Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Zoom meeting with the National Council.
- Visited the Eco Educate workshop school holiday programme.
- Lodged a service request regarding damage on Lehman's Road.
- Attended an LGNZ Zoom session with Brad Olsen, Informetric Senior Economist.
- Attended a Citizenship Ceremony.
- Attended the Rangiora and Districts Early Records Society monthly public speaker event featuring Jim Gerard.
- Attended several ANZAC Day services across the Waimakariri District.
- Attended the LGNZ Conference in Christchurch.
- Attended the Annual Plan drop-in session in Woodend.
- Attended the Oxford A&P Show.
- Attended the Pegasus Community Centre Steering Group meeting.
- Attended the Kaiapoi South MUBA site visit.
- Attended the Annual Plan drop-in session in Pegasus.
- Served on the panel for the Parking and Traffic Bylaw Hearing.
- Attended the Kaiapoi Museum Committee meeting.
- Attended the Play, Active Recreation and Sport Project Steering Group meeting.
- Attended the Rangiora Players' latest production, Give Us a Sign, where the group expressed their appreciation for the support received from the Board through grants.

A Geeves:

- Attended the Waimakariri Access Group meeting. The Group presented its submission to the Council's Long Term Plan, with a focus on the provision of a Changing Places fully accessible toilet—potentially at Dudley Pool or as part of the Pavilion development, additional mobility parks at the Dudley Park skate park, and a review of pedestrian crossings on High Street, Rangiora, where raised plantings were creating visibility hazards for disabled people and children. They also requested the installation of four pedestrian crossings at the High Street/King Street roundabout and that developers be required to submit plans for an accessibility audit.
- Attended Council workshop with Environment Canterbury on Public Transport Futures.

W Doody:

- Attended the ANZAC Day dawn parade, Cust service and Loburn Domain service. The Cust service was extremely well run, and the Loburn War Memorial was very impressive.
- Met with the Rangiora Bowling Club regarding moving their facility; however, they were not interested.
- Met MacPhail Avenue residents who had concerns regarding the proposed increased traffic volumes in contact with staff.

K Barnett:

- Attended Council workshop with Environment Canterbury on Public Transport Futures. It included only Greater Christchurch; anything past Two Chain Road was not included.
- Congratulated North Canterbury Musicals for their stunning performance of Les Misérables.

J Gerard:

- Attended Rangiora Town Hall's 100th anniversary meeting.
- Spoke to the Rangiora Ladies Group.

- Attended Utilities and Roding Committee meeting regarding speed limits.
- Attended Rangiora Museum meeting.
- Assisted with Meals on Wheels.
- Spoke to the museum group.
- Looked at the Rangiora Bowling Club Building and discussed the possible future.
- Attended the Rangiora ANZAC Day parade. It was superb with the largest turnout he had seen.
- Attended Rangiora Museum meeting. Have assisted them in obtaining two new laptops.

J Ward:

- Attended the LGNZ Conference, which was very interesting and positive.
- Attended the 10th anniversary celebration of the No. 88 Squadron Air Cadet Unit. They had over 60 people aged 13 to 19 sign up for 2026.
- Visited the Rangiora Airfield to look at the seeding of the runway and sealing of the driveway. There was concern regarding the height of the stopbanks, and parts of the airfield were vulnerable to flooding.

J Goldsworthy:

- Held the hearing for the Parking and Traffic Bylaw.
- Noise complaints had overtaken parking complaints for service requests.
- Attended a webinar on Rebuilding Trust in Aotearoa. One in five New Zealanders believed future generations would be better off than the current. Three in four New Zealanders were unwilling or hesitant to trust those outside their families and friends.

B Robinson:

- Attended wreath laying at Rangiora War Memorial for ANZAC Day.
- Attended GreyPower meeting. Raised the potential for a non-dog park being located near the existing dog park on River Road.
- Was approached regarding Environment Canterbury's new tap on tap off bus service, which could be used instead of a gold card. Environment Canterbury would be sending ambassadors to those with gold cards to issue new cards and help with the transition.

D Hawkins:

- Attended Water Race Advisory Group meeting:
 - A Waimakariri Irrigation Ltd (WIL) member was not present and did not leave a report.
 - A member of the public suggested the 'new pond' was due to start construction in May 2026; however, current international events could affect the timing.
 - Another member of the public suggested the new 'raised pond' company did not have the required easements over water races/WIL and other private and.
 - There was also a suggestion that there was considerable opposition to the pond and its potential to affect LIM reports due to potential failure. Opposition to the pond would be considerably mitigated if LIMs were not affected.
 - Council should investigate costs for a replacement culvert in Swannanoa Road and investigate and cost possible preventative maintenance on two sections of piped water race in the Cust township.
 - Council should also investigate the easement matter.
 - Council was also investigating/reviewing the average recurrence interval, which determined LIM notification for all issues.
 - The Council and the community were part of a liaison group to help address communications and concerns associated with the pond.
 - Worried about blockages and potential flooding in Cust.

- Attended the Rangiora Dawn ANZAC Day service as well as the Loburn Domain War Memorial service. Both events were very well attended, and the community offered positive feedback.

D Lundy:

- Attended North Loburn Civil Defence Hub exercise. There was a very good turnout.
- Attended the Cust and Loburn ANZAC Day services.
- Supported the Northern A&P Association regarding improvements to Coldstream Road parking at the Council Annual Plan Hearing.

11. CONSULTATION PROJECTS

11.1. Stock Movement Bylaw 2026

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/stock-movement-bylaw-2026>

Consultation closed on Thursday, 21 May 2026.

11.2. Woodend/Pegasus Area Strategy Review

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/woodend-pegasus-area-strategy-review>

The Board noted the Consultation Projects.

12. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

12.1. Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 30 April 2026: \$7,247.

12.2. General Landscaping Fund

Balance as at 30 April 2026: \$29,290.

The Board noted the funding updates.

13. MEDIA ITEMS

Nil.

14. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

15. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

16. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board was scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 10 June 2026 in the Council Chamber.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 8.14PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

Date

Workshop (Trim: 260513114646)

- *Traffic in Rangiora – Joanne McBride (Roading and Transport Manager)*
- *Members Forum*